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George Bush

CIA chief George Bush defends the use of journalists as spies.

Bush told a meeting of the Washington Press Club that the CIA would continue to use part-time journalists overseas who sell their work to U. S. news organizations. His remarks came two weeks after the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence reported that the agency maintains contact with about 25 such journalists. Bush had ruled out using journalists "accredited" to a news organization.

U. S. naval shipbuilding does not lag much behind the Soviet Union's.

CIA estimates released by Rep. Les Aspin (D., Wis.) appear to refute

Pentagon and admin that the Soviet lead in shipbuilding requires a \$1.2 billion addition to the \$6.3 billion already requested by the Navy for fiscal 1977. Between 1971 and 1975, the CIA reported, the Soviet Union spent \$10 billion while the United States spent \$9.8 billion. Moscow outspent the United States substantially on support ships and minor surface fighting vessels, \$4.2 billion to \$500 million. The United States nearly doubled Soviet spending for major surface fighting ships, however, \$4.9 billion to the Soviets' \$2.5 billion, and spent more on submarines, \$4.4 billion to \$3.3 billion.

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